(*d*) if so, when and at what cost; and

(*e*) whether an estimate has been prepared for the construction of the buildings required for the same?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) On the 29th March 1933.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) In view of the answer to part (*c*) this does not arise.

(*e*) Yes.

MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*): May I know why no site has been yet acquired for the purpose?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): There was a site fixed for the Hospital.

MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*): May I know whether the present Darbar Physician has inspected the site in Alleppey?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): Yes.

MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*): What is the decision by the Darbar Physician about the site?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): There are two sites in Alleppey. The first site originally fixed is too far away from the centre of the town and in regard to the other there is some difficulty and it has not been cleared up.

MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*): With reference to the answer to part (*e*) of the question may I know what is the sanctioned estimate for that purpose?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): Rs. 54,000.

In-patients in the Vaikom District Hospital.

152. * **MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR** (*Vaikom*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of in-patients treated in the Vaikom District Hospital on free ration in 1110 and 1111; and

(*b*) the amount allotted for ration for the above two years in the above hospital?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): (*a*) and (*b*)

Year.	*No. of in-patients treated.*	*Amount allotted for ration.*
1110	466	Rs. 450.
1111	478	Rs. 450.

MR. V K. VELAPPAN NAIR (*Vaikam*): May I know the actual amount expended in 1110 and 1111 for the Vaikam District Hospital?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): The amount was spent as stated in the answer.

Labour cases in the Vaikam District Hospital.

153. * **MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR** (*Vaikam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any labour cases were treated in the Vaikom District Hospital in 1111; and

(*b*) if so, where they were treated and given beds?

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MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Labour cases were accommodated and treated in a room newly constructed for the purpose.

MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR (*Vaikam*): May I know when the room was newly constructed for treating labour cases?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): In 1111.

MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR (*Vaikam*): May I know the amount spent on that?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): I claim notice.

MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR (*Vaikam*): May I know whether the member has inspected the room newly constructed for the purpose?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): No.

Marketing Officers.

154. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): With reference to the statement contained on page 20 of the Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the audit and appropriation accounts of 1110 M. E. that "the duty of finding out out-side markets was also included within the scope of the Marketing Officers", will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many Marketing Officers there are in Travancore;

(*b*) how long it is since they were appointed;

(*c*) what are the new out-side markets that they have found out for the sale of our agricultural and other products; and

(*d*) what work they have done so far?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*):

(*a*) There are two Marketing Officers in the State.

(*b*) One Marketing Officer has been in service now for 13 months and the other for 10 months.

(*c*) The Marketing Officers have so far been engaged on a survey of our present markets and marketing methods. New markets may be found out only after these surveys have been completed.

(*d*) The Marketing Officers have completed the marketing surveys of eggs, pineapples, tobacco, cattle, milk, wheat, linseed, groundnuts and grapes. The surveys of rice, bananas, cocoanuts, coffee, hides and skins, sheep and goats, ghee and butter, and wool and hair are in progress.

Marketing Officers in Travancore.

155. *MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when a Marketing Officer was appointed in Travancore;

(*b*) his salary and scale;

(*c*) the amount so far expended for his establishment, if any;

(*d*) the amount so far expended for his tours, if he has undertaken any; and

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